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To: All Applicants and licensed Wheelchair Interfacility Transport Agencies

From: Michael D. Berg
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Re: **End of *Virginia EMS Regulations* pertaining to Wheelchair Interfacility Transport Services, Vehicles and Personnel Standards**

Effective July 1, 2005, the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) will no longer regulate and oversee wheelchair interfacility transport services. Following the 2005 session of the Virginia General Assembly, Governor Warner signed Senate Bill 1344 that exempts wheelchair interfacility transport services and wheelchair interfacility transport service vehicles from regulation under the emergency medical services law. SB 1344 amends **Code of Virginia** § [32.1-111.2](#) and states in part:

“Wheelchair interfacility transport services and wheelchair interfacility transport service vehicles that are engaged, whether or not for profit, in the business, service, or regular activity of and exclusively used for transporting wheelchair bound passengers between medical facilities in the Commonwealth when no ancillary medical care or oversight is necessary. However, such services and vehicles shall comply with Department of Medical Assistance Services regulations regarding the transportation of Medicaid recipients to covered services.

Effective July 1, any application for wheelchair interfacility agency licensure received by OEMS will be returned to the applicant without being processed. All existing agency and vehicle licenses will be terminated as of July 1, 2005. Interested parties wishing to conduct business as a Medicaid transportation provider are directed to contact the transportation broker for the Department of Medical Assistance (DMAS). A copy of the DMAS requirements for Medicaid drivers and vehicles are found in the DMAS [Transportation Manual](#), Chapter IV, at http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/prm-provider_manuals.htm.